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SUBJ: GOP POLICY TOWARD KOREA

REF: STATE 162623

SUMMARY: ROK CONSUL GENERAL'S APPROACHES TO GOP SEEKING SUPPORT ON KOREA ITEM IN UNGA HAVE BEEN INCONCLUSIVE. GOP HAS REFUSED TO RECEIVE PRESIDENT PARK'S SPECIAL ENVOY CHOI. CONSUL GENERAL EXPRESSED HOPE USG WOULD RAISE KOREAN QUESTION WITH PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO DURING HIS SEPTEMBER VISIT TO US. END SUMMARY.

1. ROK CONSUL GENERAL PARK CALLED ON POLITICAL COUNSELOR AUGUST 29 TO DISCUSS CURRENT STATE OF PLAY IN GOP-ROK RELATIONS. PARK SAID HE HAD MADE SEVERAL APPROACHES TO FOREIGN MINISTRY IN PAST FEW WEEKS (INCLUDING ADDITIONAL SECRETARY AND DIRGEN FOR EAST ASIA) SEEKING GOP SUPPORT FOR CONCURRENT ADMISSION BOTH KOREAS TO UN PLUS MORE EVEN HANDED TREATMENT FOR ROK IN GENERAL. PAKS HAD HEARD HIM OUT, HE COMMENTED, BUT HAD NOT BEEN FORTHCOMING AND HAD AGREED ONLY TO TAKE NOTE OF ROK VIEWS.

2. PARK WAS PARTICULARLY UNHAPPY THAT GOP HAD TURNED  
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DOWN VISIT BY PRESIDENT PARKS SPECIAL ENVOY CHOI DURING

LATTER'S CURRENT TRIP TO SOUTH ASIA AND MIDDLE EAST (SEOUL 5290). PARK SAID HE HAD MADE STRONG EFFORTS TO PERSUADE GOP RECEIVE CHOI (WE ALSO RAISED ISSUE WITH MFA - SEE ISLAMABAD 6383) BUT PAKS, AFTER SOME DELAY, HAD RESPONDED THAT VISIT WOULD BE "INAPPROPRIATE".

3. RE FURTHER TACTICS, PARK AND POL COUNSELOR AGREED THAT BOTH WOULD SEEK EARLY SEPARATE APPOINTMENTS WITH MFA DIRGEN FOR UN AFFAIRS (WHOM PARK HAS NOT YET APPROACHED) AT WHICH POL COUNSELOR WOULD CARRY OUT REFTTEL INSTRUCTIONS AND PARK WOULD MAKE SIMILAR APPROACH.

4. CONCLUDING, PARK SAID HE HAD HEARD FROM KOREAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON THAT USG HAD INTENDED RAISE KOREA QUESTION WITH PRIMEMIN BHUTTO DURING HIS SUBSEQUENTLY POSTPONED JULY VISIT TO US. PARK EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE THAT WITH VISIT NOW RESCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER, USG STILL INTENDED TAKE MATTER UP WITH BHUTTO. IN ADDITION TO SEEKING GOP SUPPORT FOR USG-ROK POSITION IN UNGA, PARK HOPED WE COULD ALSO URGE UPON BHUTTO MORE EVEN-HANDED TREATMENT OF NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA IN GENERAL. POL COUNSELOR SAID HE WOULD CONVEY PARK'S REQUEST TO WASHINGTON.  
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